THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir. As per Census 2001, which is the most authentic source of data regarding number of working children, out of 1.13 crore children in the age group of 5—14 years in Gujarat, the number of economically active children is 4.85 lakhs, which is 4.27 per cent of the total number of children in this age group.

(b) As per Census 2001, population of total workers in Gujarat is 2.12 crores including 4.85 lakh of economically active children, which is 2.28 per cent of total workers. This includes children working as marginal workers for few hours in a day and also those working in non-hazardous occupations. The number of children working in hazardous occupation alone, State-wise is not maintained.

(c) Occupation-wise data of child labour in the State of Gujarat is not maintained.

(d) and (e) With a view to rehabilitate children withdrawn from work, Government is implementing the National Child Labour Project (NCLP) Scheme in 9 districts of Gujarat, namely, Surat, Panchmahals, Bhuj, Banas Kantha, Dahod, Vadodara, Bhavnagar, Ahmedabad and Rajkot. Under the NCLP Scheme, children withdrawn from work are put in special schools where they are provided education, nutrition, vocational training, stipend and regular health check-up so as to prepare them to join the mainstream education system.

World Toilet Summit, 2007

1749. SHRI DARA SINGH:
SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether World Toilet Summit, 2007 was inaugurated by former Presient of India at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi on 31st October, 2007, organized by Sulabh International Social Service Organization, in collaboration with the World Toilet Organisation with the support of the Indian Government;

(b) if so, the details of the discussion/outcome thereof; and

(c) whether it is a fact that according to the United Nations status report for South Asia, 1999, there are 733 million Indians who do not have access to basic sanitation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Summit came out with a "Delhi Declaration", which states *inter alia,* to accelerate the progress on achieving the Millennium Development Goal (MDG) on sanitation by 2015; Increase awareness and political will, prioritize sustainable sanitation, the importance of achieving MDG-goal 7 and also persuade nation leaders to take further measures; Prepare and plan activities as well as National roadmap for International Year of Sanitation 2008 in collaboration with all key stakeholders and important partners; Promote knowledge, exchange programmes on available sustainable sanitation technologies in all regions; Prioritize school sanitation health and hygiene programms; Facilitate a paradigm shift from disposal oriental system to reuse oriented sanitation system.

(c) The Human Development Report 1999 published by the United Nations Development Programme status that 71% of the population of India in 1999 does not have access to sanitation.

Social audit of projects under NREGA

1750. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that low wages were found to be a major concern during social audit of projects under National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA);

(b) whether a big fraud by Sarpanch was unearthed who tried to maintain silence on the day of Gram Sabha;

(c) whether it is also a fact that at two work sites about 425 false names were filled by the Sarpanch; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a)No, Sir.

(b) and (c) No such instances have been reported to the Ministry of Rural Development.

(d) Does not arise.

Making NREG Scheme allocation based

1751. SHRI MATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government has taken a decision in principal to extend National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREG) to all districts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) why cannot the Government think of making NREG Scheme as allocation-based scheme from the present demand-based scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) Yes, Sir. Government has decided to extend NREGA to all the remaining rural districts in the country with effect from 1.4.2008. A notification to this effect was issued on 28.9.2007.

(b) A list of 266 districts to which the Scheme has been extended with effect from 1.4.2008 is given at statement (*See* below).

(b) The NREG Act guarantees at least 100 days of wage employment in a financial year of every rural household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled mannual work. In the